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DODSPECREP NKP

CHSPECATS BANGKOK

7 ACCS KORAT

354 TFW KORAT RTAFB

56 SOW NKP

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432 TRW UDORN

CDR JCRC NKP
8 TFW UBON
ARMA/AIRA VTN LAOS
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CINCPAC ALSO FOR POLAD; 13 AF ADVON, 432 TFW, 56 SOW, 388 TFW,
354 TFW AND 8 TFW FOR DO/DI; MACTHAI FOR J-2 AND PAO.

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SUBJECT: LAO SITUATION REPORT - 3 AUGUST 1973

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I. MILITARY SITUATION

A. MR'S I, II AND V: NO ACTIVITY REPORTED DURING PERIOD AUGUST
1-3.

B. MR III: THREE SCATTERED MINOR ENEMY GROUND ATTACKS (ONE
SUPPORTED BY MORTAR FIRE) OCCURRED IN MR III. ON JULY 31, ESTI-
MATED ENEMY COMPANY ATTACKED FRIENDLY COMPANY IN THE BAN BUN XANG
AREA. ENEMY LOST 2 KIA AND 5 WIA. ON JULY 31, ENEMY PLATOON
ATTACKED FRIENDLY COMPANY NEAR BAN LAHANAN, WITH UNKNOWN
CASUALTIES REPORTED. ON AUGUST 1, ENEMY COMPANY, SUPPORTED BY
MORTAR FIRE, ATTACKED FRIENDLY COMPANY NEAR BAN NOGDEUN WITH
UNKNOWN CASUALTIES. RLAF FLEW THREE T-28 SORTIES, ALL IN SUPPORT
OF FRIENDLY TROOPS.

C. MR IV: MINOR GROUND ATTACK OCCURRED JULY 31, EAST/SOUTHEAST
OF PHIAFAY, WHEN FRIENDLY COMPANY FOUGHT ESTIMATED ENEMY
COMPANY (NO CASUALTIES). AGAIN, ON JULY 31, FRIENDLY TROOPS 37
KM SOUTH OF SOUKHOUMA FIRED MORTARS AT PL PLATOON (NO CASUAL-
TIES). ON AUGUST 2, FRIENDLY PATROL CLASHED WITH ENEMY SQUAD 33
KM NORTHEAST OF PAKSE, WITH NO CASUALTIES REPORTED.

II. POLITICAL SITUATION

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A. RLG AND LPF NEGOTIATORS CONTINUE TO MEET DAILY TO IRON OUT
THE WORDING OF THE MILITARY/POLITICAL PROTOCOL TO THE VIENTIANE
ACCORD. REPORTEDLY, TWO-THIRDS OF THE DRAFTING NOW HAS BEEN
ACCOMPLISHED.

B. ACCORDING TO RADIO PATHET LAO (RPL), SOUVANNA MET FOR 40
MINUTES AUGUST 2 WITH PHOUMI VONGVICHIT, WHO "SET FORTH SEVERAL
REASONABLE CONCRETE PROCEDURES TO ENABLE THE TWO SIDES TO SKIP

THE VARIOUS INCOMPATIBLE PROBLEMS BETWEEN THE TWO SIDES SO THAT THE PROTOCOL TO THE AGREEMENT MAY BE SIGNED AT AN EARLY DATE AND THE NATIONAL PROVISIONAL GOVERNMENT AND POLITICAL COALITION COUNCIL CAN BE IMMEDIATELY FORMED." RPL ALSO REPORTED THAT ON JULY 31 TWO MEMBERS OF THE LPF DELEGATION, PADITH THIENGTHAN AND CHENG, RETURNED TO SAM NEUA TO REPORT TO THE LPF CENTRAL COMMITTEE ON THE STATE OF THE NEGOTIATIONS.

C. THE PRIME MINISTER WILL BE BRIEFING THE KING THIS WEEKEND AND SIGNATURE OF THE PROTOCOLS MAY TAKE PLACE BEFORE AUGUST 15.
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